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POLISHING METHOD USING AN ABRADING PLATE

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 23, 2003, the period for response to which having been extended by one month to August 23, 2003, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows: